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Science & Applications Traceability Matrix (SATM)

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Hydrology Ecosystems
Solid Earth Applications
Weather Climate

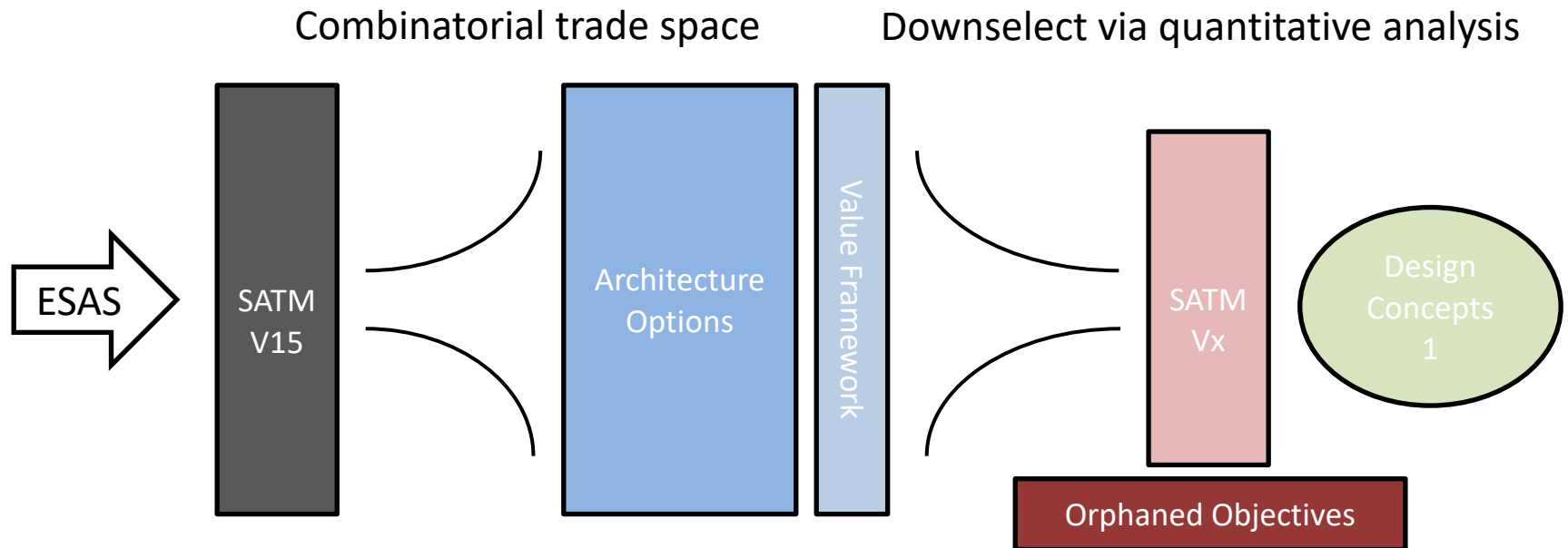
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Radiance

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Phase I: Expand and Explore



Phase II: Constrain and Quantify



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Purposes of SATM in Phase I

- **Capture “Most Important” and “Very Important” measurements in the ESAS***
- **Inform trade study by identifying key classes & distinctions impacting architecture design**
- **Show driving science challenges**
- **Permit direct traceability between algorithms / products and the ESAS**
- **Inform system simulation studies**
- **Identify Applications and DO beneficiaries**

*While we are focused on the Most and Very Important Objectives given in the ESAS, we will also assess Architectures WRT the Important objectives as well as orphans, Applications requirements, etc. The Value Framework will help us quantify how well each architecture addresses the various objectives.



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The SATM in Phase I AVOIDS:

- **Optimizing or fine-tuning measurements**
 - “VNIR vs. VSWIR” not “10 vs 15 nm sampling”
- **Preempting architecture decisions**
 - “Daily revisit” not “active pointing”
- **Assessing quantitative science yield**
 - deferred to detailed Phase 2 study of a reduced number of potential architectures
- **Expanding scope beyond TO-18 Objectives**



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How to read the SATM

STM for DS Targeted Observables TO-18 (Surface Biology & Geology)																
Decadal Survey Science Topics, Questions, Objectives, and Geophysical Observables					SBG Example Geophysical Variables and Capabilities											
Topic	DS Science Question	DS Science/Application Objective	Priority	DS Suggested Geophysical Parameters	Example SBG Geophysical Parameters	VSWIR Spatial	VSWIR Temporal	VSWIR Range	VSWIR Sensitivity	TIR Spatial	TIR Temporal	TIR Range	TIR Sensitivity	Notes	Enabled Applications	DO Synergies
Global Hydrological Cycles and Water Resources	H-1. How is the water cycle changing? Are changes in evapotranspiration and precipitation accelerating, with greater rates of evapotranspiration and thereby precipitation, and how are these changes expressed in the space-time distribution of rainfall, snowfall, evapotranspiration, and the frequency and magnitude of extremes such as	H-1c. Quantify rates of snow accumulation, snowmelt, ice melt, and sublimation from snow and ice worldwide at scales driven by topographic variability.	Most Important	Snow and glacier albedo and surface temperature. Spectral albedo of subpixel snow and glaciers at weekly intervals to an accuracy to estimate absorption of solar radiation to 10%.Ice/snow temperature to ± 1K. At spatial resolution of 30 to 100 m.	Snow and ice coverage fraction (cryosphere)	A	A	A	B					R1, R8, R12, R26	A1, A2, A4, A5, A6	
					Snow spectral albedo From Visible to Thermal (cryosphere)	A	A	A	B	A	B	B	A	R1, R8, R12, R26	A1, A2, A4	
					Snow surface temperature (cryosphere)					A	B	B	A	R4, R5, R8, R26	A3	
	H-2. How do anthropogenic changes in climate, land use, water use, and water storage, interact and modify the water and energy cycles locally, regionally and globally and what are the short- and long-term consequences?	H-2a. Quantify how changes in land use, water use, and water storage affect evapotranspiration rates, and how these in turn affect local and regional precipitation systems, groundwater recharge, temperature extremes, and carbon cycling.	Very Important	Latent heat flux. 3 (desirable) to 6 hour (useful) resolution during daytime intervals and at 1 km spatial scale with better than 10 W/m2 accuracy. Requires temperature of soil and vegetation separately at 40-100m spatial resolution, accuracy of +/- 1K, at temporal frequency to resolve the diurnal cycle. Albedo of soil and vegetation separately to an accuracy to estimate absorption of solar radiation to 10 W/m2, at weekly intervals at field scale, 30-60m spatial resolution.	VSWIR Spectral surface reflectance	B	A	A						R2, R3, R7, R8, R14, R27,R28	A8, A9, potentially some E1-a applications	D1, D2
					TIR emissivity					A	B		A	R4, R5, R8, R27	A8, A14	D1
					Evapotranspiration rates of vegetation canopies with 10% uncertainty (multiple times of day)					B	B	B	A	R4, R5, R8, R13, R23, R27	A7, A12, A13, A23	A-CCP
					Surface temperature (multiple times of day)					A	B	B	A	R4, R5, R8, R27	A8, A12, A13, A14	A-CCP
	H-4. Hazards, Extremes, and Sea-level Rise. How does the water cycle interact with other Earth system processes to change the predictability and impacts of hazardous events and hazard chains (e.g., floods, wildfires, landslides, coastal loss, subsidence, droughts, human health, and ecosystem health), and how do we improve preparedness and mitigation of water-related extreme events?	H-4a. Monitor and understand hazard response in rugged terrain and land margins to heavy rainfall, temperature and evaporation extremes, and strong winds at multiple temporal and spatial scales.	Very Important	Magnitude and frequency of severe storms. Depth and extent of floods. Precipitation, snowmelt, water depth, and water flow in soil at time and space scales consistent with events.	See H1-c											

Decadal Survey Science Questions:
General to specific
Text direct from ESAS 2018

Example
geophysical
measurements

Implied
capabilities
(VSWIR)

Implied
capabilities
(TIR)

Applications,
Notes and
References,
DO Synergies



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Capability codes

VSWIR Spatial

A	30 m
B	30 - 60 m

VSWIR Temporal

A	Weekly
B	Biweekly, 14-16 days

VSWIR Sensitivity

A	SNR = 400:1 VNIR/250:1 SWIR @ 25% reflectance;
B	10% Absolute

VSWIR Range

A	380-2500 20nm
B	VNIR 20nm
C	Multiband VNIR

TIR Spatial

A	30-60 m (30-45 m volcanoes)
B	60-100m
C	>100m

TIR Temporal

A	daily or sub-daily
B	3-5 days
C	>5 days

TIR Sensitivity

A	<0.4K NeDT per band <1K NeDT, or ~1.5% uncertainty
B	in absolute emissivity

TIR Range*

A	4 Micron + 5 or more bands
B	5 or more Bands in 8-12 um
C	>2 Bands in 8-12 um

* May eventually be specified in terms of temperature accuracy requirements.



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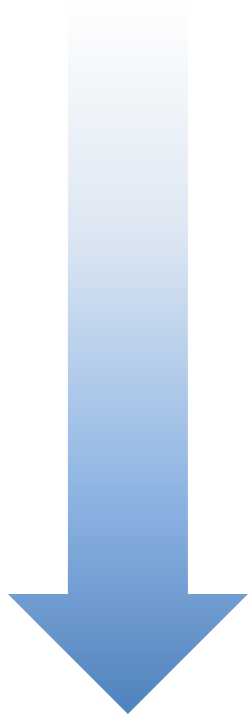


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Quantifying science yield

Basic



Refined

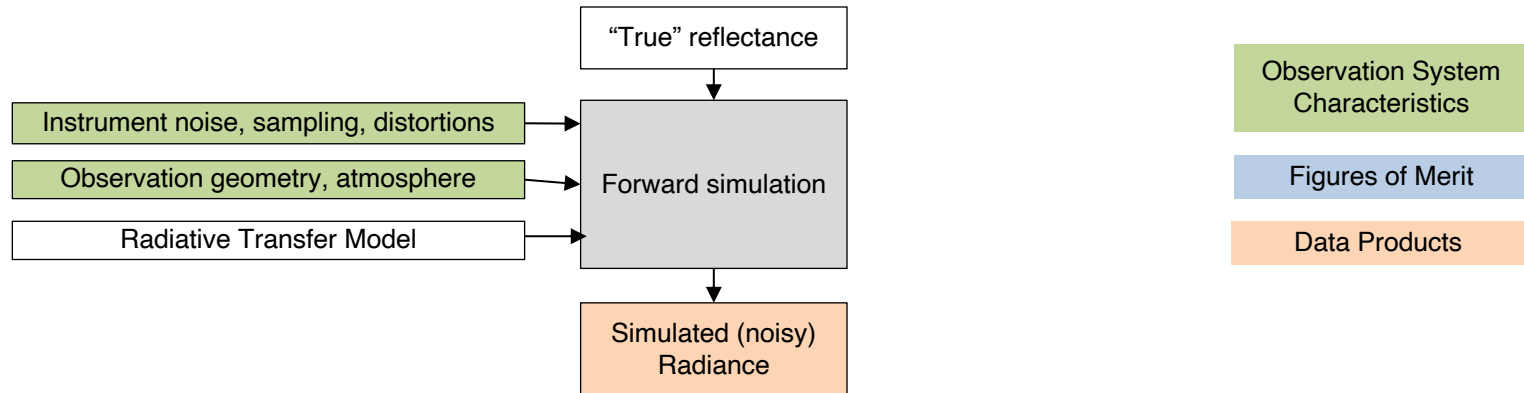
1. **Assert from experience** - “Back of Napkin” based on analogy to prior investigations, spectral/spatial coverage, etc.
2. **Retrieval uncertainty for representative observations**
3. **Retrieval uncertainty for realistic distribution of observations**
4. **Posterior uncertainty in main objective, under a realistic simulated mission (full OSSE)**



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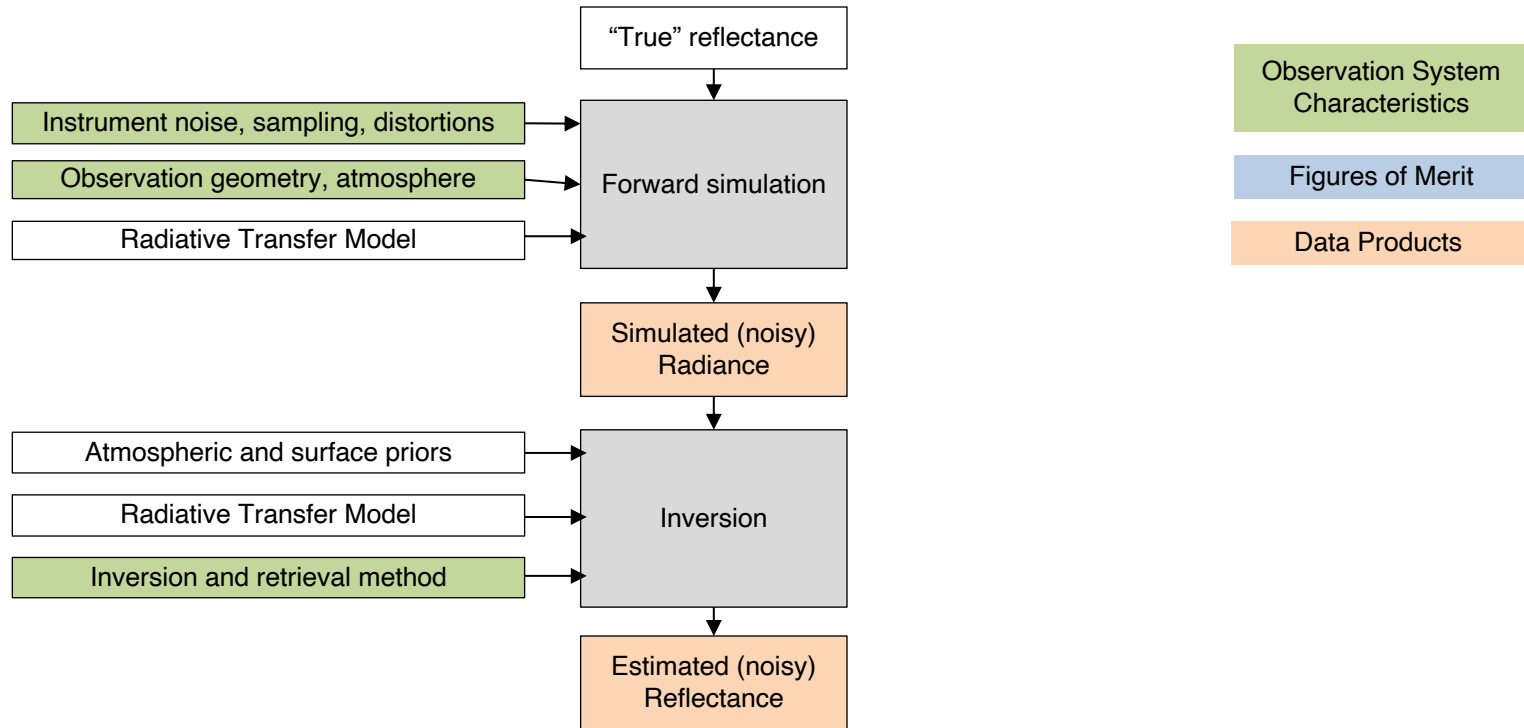
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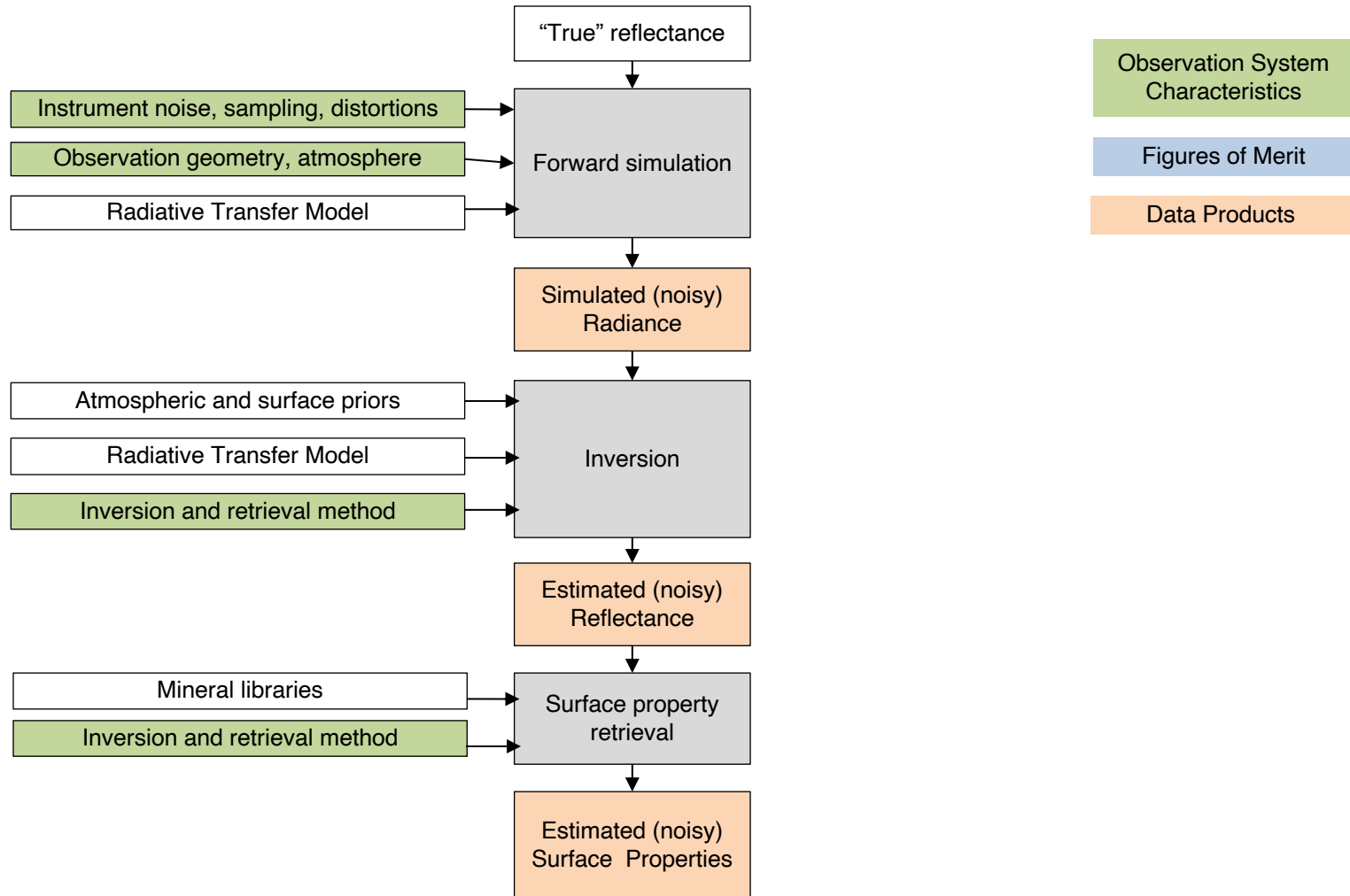
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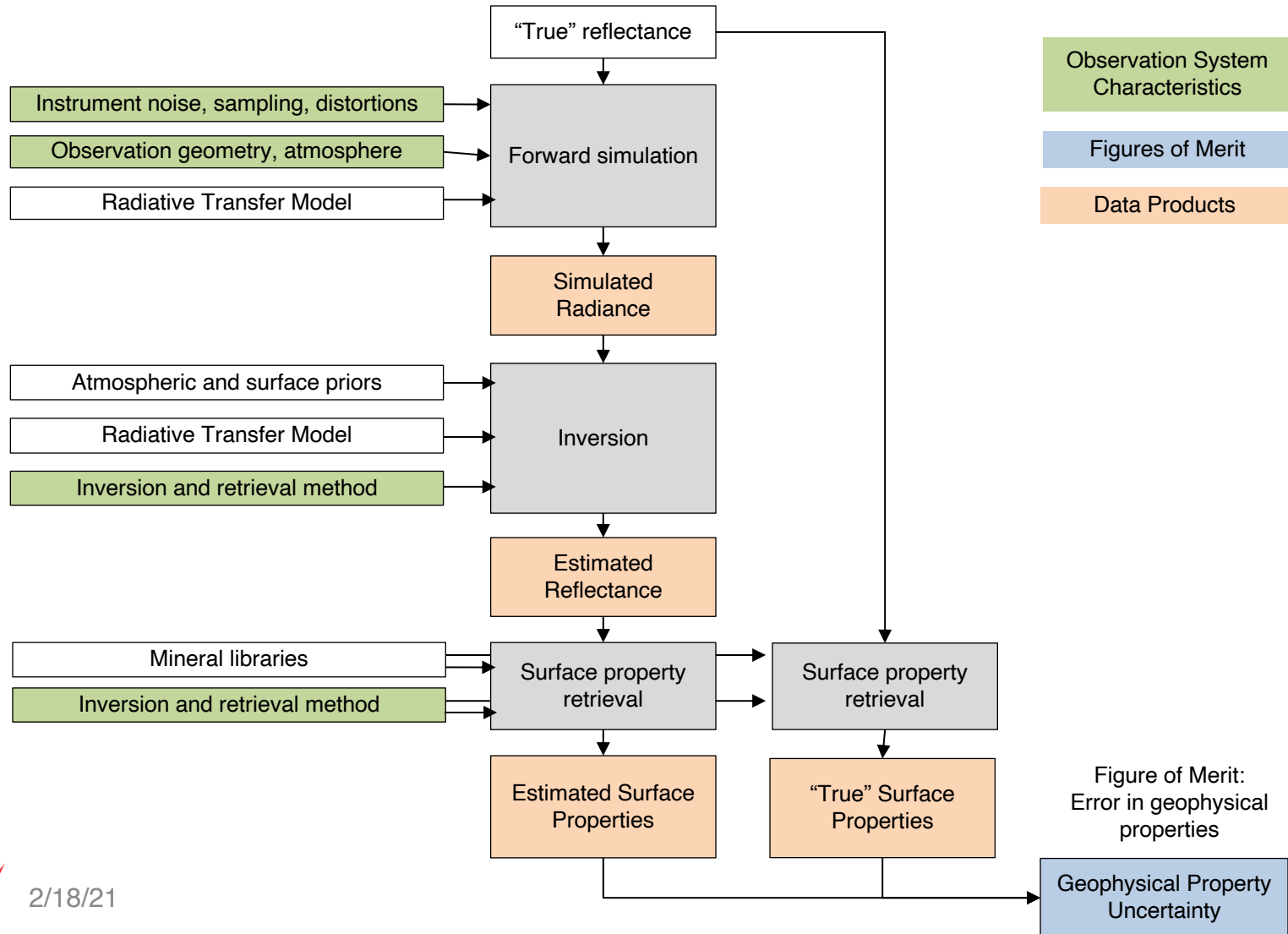
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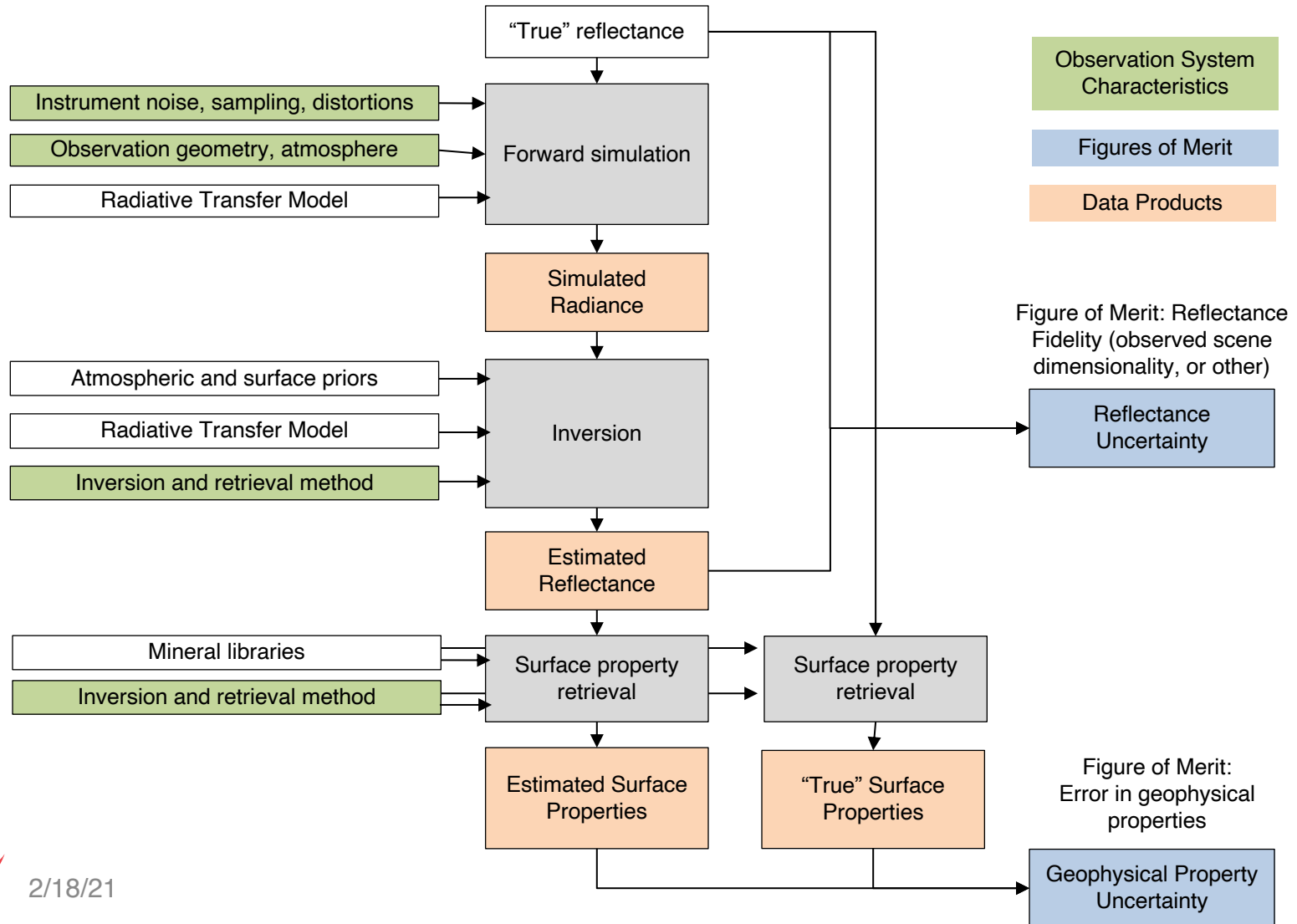
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